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Beloved Missionary of the Restored Gospel
Through his inspired writings, as said of One of old:
"He being dead yet speaketh."

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

Elder Matthias F. Cowley at the age of eighty. He not only spoke extemporaneously but he wrote without hesitation from his profound knowledge and understanding of the Gospel. In his books, "Cowley's Talks on Doctrine," "Life of Wilford Woodruff," and "Prophets and Patriarchs," he has made a rich contribution to Church literature.

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Tribute To Matthias Foss Cowley

By Elder Richard R. Lyman

Of the Council of the Twelve

Former President of the European Missions

ELDER MATTHIAS FOSS COWLEY, well known and beloved Church character, completed his long and useful career on the sixteenth day of June, 1940, as announced in the "Millennial Star" issue of July 25th. Having been born on the twenty-fifth day of August, 1858, in Salt Lake City, Utah, his inspiring life extended over a period of nearly eighty-two years. His father, as a small boy, had received the Gospel in the Isle of Man, and his mother, a school teacher, was baptized in the State of Maine. Born of these choice parents who had made great sacrifices for their religious convictions, the boy Matthias had a natural love for the Gospel and for the work of the Church.

Matthias F. Cowley had a keen aptitude for learning, unusual taste for good literature, and an eagerness for the knowledge obtained from good books. He was surrounded by choice companions, many of whom, like himself, became leading characters in the Church. As a youth, he laid the foundation for steady intellectual growth and development, and for a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the Gospel.

With his love and zeal for studying the Scriptures, he had memorized 165 passages before going on his first mission at the age of nineteen, and upon returning home, had increased this number to more than 400. Within six months of his return from this mission to the Southern states, he answered a second call to the same region, becoming uncommonly beloved and successful as a preacher of the Gospel. Throughout his life he has made friends and converts for the Church wherever he has been, and he was never so happy as when bearing his testimony in defence and explanation of the principles of the Gospel.

As a writer, he manifested great clearness and vigour. His book, "Cowley's Talks On Doctrine," has an extraordinary record as a builder of faith and a maker of converts. His "Biography of President Wilford Woodruff" and his "Prophets

and Patriarchs" are likewise inspiring and faith-promoting volumes.

Commenting on the life of Elder Cowley at the time of his death, the Editor of the "Salt Lake Tribune" reflected a widely cherished sentiment when he said: "He remained steadfast in fair weather and foul, in the realization and in the relinquishment of earthly aspirations. Success never made him vain, and disappointments never filled his heart with bitterness.

His funeral service, conducted in the Assembly Hall, Temple Square, Salt Lake City, on the twenty-first of June, 1940, was a genuine testimonial from his wide circle of relatives and friends, not only in the words that were spoken, but in the pronounced influence of love and admiration for this beloved and stalwart Church character.

In the words of Nephi L. Morris spoken at the funeral service: "His passing is a triumph, not a defeat. The grave has not won a victory and death has lost its sting in the termination of such a career as this; and his association will be enjoyed by his family forever if they will live as he has lived. It is just as simple and as beautiful as these lines written by an author unknown:

SUCH IS DYING

> "I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says: 'There! She's gone!'
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> "Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living weight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says: 'There! She's gone!' there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, 'There she comes!'—and Such is Dying."

The readers of the "Star," remembering with warm appreciation his recent labours and his testimonies as he travelled in Great Britain and on the Continent, will be interested in the tributes offered at these services by their late presiding officers, Elders Richard R. Lyman and Joseph F. Merrill, Presidents of the European Mission; and Elder Hugh B. Brown, President of the British Mission.

Message From Elder Richard R. Lyman

Of the Council of the Twelve
Former President of the European Missions

Read by Elder Joseph F. Merrill
Of the Council of the Twelve
Former President of the European Missions

AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF
MATTHIAS F. COWLEY
JUNE 20th, 1940

IT is a source of the keenest regret that because of previous and important engagements in far-away Canada I cannot return home to mourn with the multitudes who are bowed down in sorrow because of the death of my brother in the Church, my companion in the mission field, my life-long, intimate and faithful friend, Matthias F. Cowley.

He was blessed with a gentle disposition and a heart full of affection, tolerance, and understanding for his fellowmen. He had a passionate fondness for studying the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a memory that seemed never to forget what once came to its attention, and a keenness of vision that enabled him to recognize faces, facts, and conditions with an accuracy that hardly seemed humanly possible. He had a most impressive and attractive personality. His genial, friendly manner and his ever-ready and remarkable sense of humour won for him unusual fondness from his family and from his innumerable friends.

Those who have had the good fortune to hear his inspiring teachings and to have read his helpful and faith-promoting messages look upon this man as a great student of the Scriptures, as one familiar with the doctrines of the Church, and as one who in humility and yet in great strength struggled on to live in strictest conformity with the example and teachings of our Lord.

Matthias F. Cowley enjoyed a life-long testimony of the Gospel. I have heard him say that it seemed to have been born with him, that he could not remember a time when he did not have it. He has cherished it above all else and he has borne it with power in every state of the United States, in the provinces of Canada, in the states of Northern Mexico, and in thirteen countries of the European Mission.

In my frequent visits with him during his recent short illness, his beautiful mind and spirit, fortified with this testimony and his devotion to the Gospel, manifested his perfect assurance in life eternal and in the good work to be done there, as well as here. He died as he lived—a staunch, tried and true Latter-day Saint.

I knew Brother Cowley not only in Church work at home, but we were missionaries together in Europe. He was the

oldest of the missionaries in the European Mission, both in years and in missionary service.

Thus, preaching the Gospel in so many countries in the latter years of his life was a well-nigh perfect climax to his many years of Church activity and religious devotion. Not only did he enjoy preaching the Gospel in these many foreign lands, but he had the opportunity of visiting the Isle of Man, the birthplace of his paternal ancestors, of looking up relatives, viewing family landmarks, and gathering genealogical data. This rare experience came to him as a fitting reward for a lifetime given to a study of the Gospel and to the teaching and preaching of its principles.

At the age of eighty, this man of unusual abilities wrote for the "Millennial Star" summaries of his "Talks on Doctrine." In addition, he prepared for the "Star" an account of his visits with David Whitmer and General Doniphan, and sketches of the lives of all of the Presidents of the Church. He came into close personal contact with all of these leaders, except the Prophet Joseph Smith. Writing these articles in a foreign land from memory is but another indication of the clearness of his vision, the accuracy of his information, and the general strength of his memory and intellectual power.

On the eightieth anniversary of his birth, being at the time in the mission field, the people of the British Mission, through the "Millennial Star," extended to him affectionate regards, best wishes, and remembrances. At the mission headquarters, a special programme was given in his honour.

The people in the thirteen countries of the European Mission, which he visited, appreciated his eloquence and the intensity of his personal appeal. His words of inspiration stirred his listeners and awakened within the hearts of many a desire to investigate the claims presented by this powerful preacher, this worthy and devoted follower of our Lord.

In the two years since his return from Europe, he and his good wife have visited and done ordinance work in the Temples at Canada, Logan, Salt Lake, Manti, St. George, and Arizona. During this time he has also completed a comprehensive summary of the many volumes of his daily journal, which he has kept since his first mission, covering the events of nearly sixty-three years of his life.

With his many missionary services, the crowning effort of his life completed, Matthias F. Cowley is well prepared to return to our Father in Heaven. With the five brilliant talents with which he was blessed originally, he has truly made five talents more; and to him will the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Matthias F. Cowley has reared a large and devoted family that is a tribute to his fatherhood. They are men and women of integrity and usefulness in the communities in which they live—a credit to himself, a credit to the Church, and a credit to our country. Of his fifteen children, thirteen grew to

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Additional Remarks By Elder Joseph F. Merrill

Of the Council of the Twelve
Former President of the European Missions

A Latter-day Saint funeral, my brethren and sisters. a genuine one such as this one, in which we do honour to one who has passed in full fellowship and faith in the Church, is a beautiful thing indeed, characterized by a beautiful spirit, by a sincerity and by a simplicity that is beautiful to behold; and I feel sure that those most near to Brother Cowley, his family and his intimate friends, have not wept in bitterness and deep sorrow at this time at what has happened. They know that all is well with Matthias F. Cowley. They know that he will now go to that labour for which he has always been ready to give his life as typified by the beautiful hymn that was just sung by the Choir, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord." He has gone to missionary service in the spirit world. It is there where all his attainments, all of his desires, and all of his skills in preaching the message of the Master will find full expression.

My brethren and sisters, we weep not for him. We congratulate him on the safe passage to that world where he is now secure and where his talents will find ample opportunity for their full expression in the work of the Master. We know that he is beyond the sorrows and troubles and distresses of this life and that his salvation in the Celestial Kingdom is assured. Among others who will greet him warmly in the spirit world is his admiring friend—Apostle Marriner W. Merrill.

My prayer, my brethren and sisters, is that this fine family and those who have loved him in life may do as he has done—so live that when they shall be called, they too shall go in full faith, fellowship and knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that it may also be said to us all, as to Brother Cowley, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

May the Father bless us all, each and everyone according to his needs, that we may thus be able to finish our mortal lives in worthiness and honour, as Matthias F. Cowley has finished his, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remarks By Elder Hugh B. Brown

Former President of the British Mission

IT was my privilege to be one of the last missionary companions of this great man. Because of that fact I am honoured here today.

Just before he left the mission field he quoted a Scripture which, it seems to me, gives an index to his life. It was the eighth verse of the sixth chapter of Micah:

> "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?"

In all that has been said here today, emphasis is properly placed on the constant, inspiring faith of the man. Perhaps these lines will remind you, as they did me, of Matthias F. Cowley:

> "When the dark days come and the clouds grow grey
> All men must brave them as best they may,
> With never too much repining;
> And bravest is he, when the shadows fall,
> Who sees in the gloom of his darkened hall
> The light of his faith still shining.
> In those lonely days when his heart shall ache
> And it seems that soon shall his courage break,
> There is only one place to borrow;
> One place to go for the strength he needs,
> He must bind with faith every wound that bleeds,
> And cling to his faith through sorrow.
> For truly forlorn is the man who weeps
> When his dead lies buried in floral heaps
> And friends his path are lining;
> And a pitiful creature he's doomed to be
> If he cannot look through the gloom and see
> The light of his faith still shining."

The light of his faith has made possible, often under most trying circumstances, the most successful rearing of a large family. They have never seen their father waver in that faith. That is was effective is evidenced by the fact that six of his sons and two of his grandsons have filled missions and our friend Matthew is now presiding in New Zealand. That the light of that faith was seen by those who do not agree with him in religious matters is shewn by the messages from J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and by an editorial in a local paper written by one who has admired the man with whom perhaps he could not always agree in points of doctrine.

The light of that faith helped this great man to be one of the Church's greatest missionaries. Like the Apostle Paul, Matthias F. Cowley was a fearless defender of the faith with tongue and pen. His "Life of Wilford Woodruff" is one of the most illuminating biographies of Church leaders. In many ways Matthias F. Cowley was like Wilford Woodruff—humble, sweet, dependable, loving, kind, faithful, and fearless. He

was what he taught. He wrote also "Prophets and Patriarchs" —and his little book, "Cowley's Talks on Doctrine," has been used in most of the missions of the Church and in practically all the wards and stakes. As recently as 1939, he wrote many articles for the "Millennial Star" which were read by the Saints throughout Europe. Thus he made a valuable contribution to the literature of the Church when past eighty years of age.

The light of that faith carried him on to realize to fulfilment of the prophecy to which reference has been made. That prophecy said his voice should ring loud and clear in many foreign lands in his old age. I testify that it did ring, not only loud and clear, but convincingly. Thousands were moved to investigate the Gospel of Christ by the testimonies of this good man and his lovely wife and daughter, who were with him. The light of that faith, brethren and sisters, should inspire us to emulate his example.

I promise you members of the family, if you will follow that light to its source, it will lead you to God. And you will find your father there among those with whom he laboured here. If the angel had asked Matthias F. Cowley when he came to give him his release, "What is your greatest wish? What, above all else, do you desire?"—he would have said, "Bring my family, all of them, home safely to me as faithful Latter-day Saints. Give them the testimony which has guided my life. That is my wish."

You young men and young women here, will you do your part to make that wish come true? I am sure you will. Prove your worthiness as he proved his, by being faithful to the end. When things go well with you, be valiant to the truth. When dark days come and clouds grow grey, do not waver. Be guided by the light of faith. Be clean in thought and action. Be worthy of your father, and your grandfather. May all of us be worthy to be called his friend.

I read today where Jesus promised special blessings to eight groups whose virtues made them worthy. I think Matthias F. Cowley has qualified for membership in each of them. Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Matthias F. Cowley was the exact opposite of anything that even indicated arrogance or haughtiness or pride. He said, "Blessed are they that mourn." He has known what it was to have a broken heart, but he wept within and did not advertise his sorrow. He said, "Blessed are the meek." There is none among us more entitled to be numbered among the meek of the earth whom Jesus loved. "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness." His appetite was never quenched or satisfied. He sought righteousness each day for more than eighty years. Jesus said "Blessed are the merciful." Matthias F. Cowley was ever kind and merciful, as you his loved ones will testify. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart." His purity in thought and purpose was recognized by all who knew him. "Blessed are the peacemakers." No personal sacrifice was too great for Matthias F. Cowley, if by so doing he could

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Message From J. Edgar Hoover

THE following telegraphed message, referred to by President Brown was received from John Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.:

Mrs. Matthias F. Cowley,
123 North West Temple Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

I am deeply grieved with the news of the passing of your husband and I do wish you would extend to all members of your family my heartfelt sympathy. My thoughts are with you in this hour as they were six years ago this fall with the passing of your son Samuel and one of our most trusted and beloved men. Now, as then, I find words inadequate to express my feelings because there is so little that one can say or do in times like these, but if the sympathies and the wishes of a friend can be of assistance then you have an abundance of them in my heart. I know that you must be proud of the life that your husband lived. The influence of his personality has extended far beyond your own family circle and has touched literally hundreds of young men and women with whom he has come in contact. His has been a life of service, not only in his home and in his community, but in the nation, and we can honour his memory best by seeking to emulate his own God-fearing qualities and steadfastness to duty. I do wish it were possible for me to leave Washington and join those who will pay last tribute to a truly great American citizen. The emergency situation however necessitates that I remain at my work, and this I know is as your husband would have it, and so I wish you would convey my heartfelt sympathy any my thoughts to all members of your family. With kind regards, Sincerely,

—JOHN EDGAR HOOVER.

A Father's Testimony

MATTHIAS F. COWLEY, kindly and tolerant in his relations with his children, was ever vigilant and anxiously concerned with their ideals and with their training and development for useful and progressive lives. Uppermost and all-important in his mind was their spiritual welfare and their faithful observance of the principles of the Gospel. On the last anniversary of his birth at a festive family gathering in the historical Lion House he presented each child with a copy of "The Vision," which deals with the salvation for the living and dead.

A feature of the rich legacy he left them is a remarkable testimony, blessing and admonition which he wrote for them on the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth. A phase of their hearty response is voiced in the unusual prayer delivered by one of his sons in dedicating his father's grave.

The testimony and prayer are given here in full.

TESTIMONY OF MATTHIAS F. COWLEY
WRITTEN FOR HIS CHILDREN
ON HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

TODAY, August 25th, 1933, I am seventy-five years of age. The wonderful events of that period are now recorded on the pages of history. Remarkable as those events are, the following three-quarters of a century will be more marvellous than the past. Only the eyes of a Seer can see and the mouth of a Prophet declare what the future will unfold. Many now living will endure beyond the coming three-quarters of a century and being witnesses of the great events to come will be led to exclaim "What hath God wrought."

Like the Prophet Nephi, "I was born of goodly parents." If my own children can truthfully say this, I shall feel that we have not lived in vain. On this my natal day, I salute all members of my family with my love and a father's blessing.

You have my congratulations that you have come into the world in a Dispensation the most glorious since the dawn of Creation. The Seers and Saints of ancient times have longed to see our day, but have seen it only in vision.

I commend you for the faith and devotion you have in the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour. May you attain to a perfect knowledge of this glorious plan of Life and Salvation. I likewise congratulate you for the interest you have taken in the branches of a secular education. By hard labour and the concentration of your mental powers you have attained efficiency in several lines, that will make you more useful in the communities where you may dwell. In this accomplishment you have given your parents pleasure and satisfaction. May avenues ever be open for the exercise of the talents and abilities with which you are endowed. May perfect honour and purity of motive be the crowning characteristic of every transaction of your lives with God and your fellow men.

When we leave the world we do not take with us material wealth, such as money, lands, flocks and herds, but we do take with us the character we have made in this life, whether for good or evil. From this we cannot escape. The wicked who have lived only for the selfish pleasures of this life will have a keen recollection of all their guilt, while the righteous will have perfect joy and happiness in the memory of their good deeds. Our lives should therefore go to make up, as Apostle Teasdale used to say, "The record of a well spent life."

In the course of mortal life, as we approach the brink of the grave, our memories revert to the days and scenes of early youth and childhood. When we enter the spirit world, will not our recollections go farther into the past, and in the Resurrection shall we not remember the scenes and associations of a pre-existent state, when and where we knew God our Eternal Father and our Eldest Brother, Jesus the Christ, the Redeemer of the World?

On this, my natal anniversary, I bear you my humble testimony that our Heavenly Father is a living, personal God, and that He hears and answers prayer. That Christ our Saviour is literally the Son of God. In these latter times, in fulfilment of ancient prophecy, that God has raised up a Prophet, Joseph Smith by name, who died a faithful martyr to the Truth. He sealed his testimony with his blood. Through him the Gospel of Christ in all its ancient purity and power has been restored to the Earth. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by direct revelation from God and now exists in the world with President Heber J. Grant as its earthly head. This Church will never be taken from the earth and will prevail against every form of opposition which may be launched against it.

I appeal to my children and all their descendants to be loyal to God and His Holy Priesthood who are His chosen representatives in this world. Be prayerful and humble. For every gift and blessing, whether temporal or spiritual, give thanks to the Lord. Take no honour to yourselves but ascribe all honour to our Heavenly Father. Be constant and faithful to every Church and Priesthood duty. Assemble with the Saints often and commemorate the atonement of Christ by partaking of the emblems of His broken body and shed blood.

In the practical affairs of life, keep out of debt. If in debt, pay as soon as possible, lest the day soon come when it will be impossible to meet your financial obligations. Remember that all blessings emanate from God, whether financial or spiritual, or otherwise. Show your appreciation of His kind Providence by strict obedience to the Law of Tithing. In meeting obligations, do not forget that the Lord is your first and best creditor. "Pay your tithing and be blessed" and be generous to the poor, and in your offerings to sustain the Church in financial necessities.

Teach your children the Gospel by example and by precept that when they receive baptism, confirmation and other ordinances, they may do so with an intelligent understanding

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Dedicatory Prayer At Graveside

By Charles Gloyd Cowley

Son of Matthias F. Cowley

OUR FATHER in Heaven, we are gathered here at the conclusion of the beautiful services of this day upon this sacred spot and beside this grave which contains the mortal remains of our father, Matthias Foss Cowley, as his final resting place.

While our hearts are sad and our grief and sorrow great at this hour because of our loss in his passing, nevertheless, we rejoice in full knowledge that he lived long—for more than four score years—and in language as simple as his life was lived—he lived well.

We are thankful for him, and for our mothers who gave us birth, for the homes which they built for us and for the teachings and guidance which they so unselfishly gave us. And we are especially thankful for our father, as our thoughts turn to him at this time, because of that kind, humble and patient love and devotion which he bestowed upon us throughout our lives; and we in return as his children wish to acknowledge that we loved him; but our love for him was weak compared with his love for us because his was a higher plane of spiritual quality and love, a plane which we in our weaknesses have not been able to reach.

We submit to thee, Heavenly Father, that our father, Matthias Foss Cowley, has lived as one of Thy witnesses; we have marvelled at the manner in which he lived, the spiritual force which he emulated, and the clearness and eloquence with which he taught Thy Gospel, whether by spoken word or pen. We are grateful for his enduring faith and for the power of the testimony which he bore of Thee.

And we further submit, our Father in Heaven, that our father's life as he lived it is a sufficient dedication of this grave, but according to Thy will and by authority of the Holy Priesthood, we, too, dedicate this grave to Thy kind care and keeping; protect it from all destructive elements of nature and let Thy spirit of peace hover about this sacred spot until the morning of the First Resurrection.

And now, in conclusion, we humbly pray that we may live our lives as he would have us live, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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FROM a cablegram received from his son, Matthew Cowley, President of the New Zealand Mission:

"Father's memory may be properly honoured only by deeds of humility, brotherly kindness, respect for Priesthood, and enduring faith."

A Comment Of Elder Cowley About His European Trip

ELDER COWLEY'S love for the Gospel and the primary interest it held in his life, the prophecy fulfilled by his mission abroad, and his affectionate appreciation of the Missionaries and Saints, are shown in the following statement which he made when writing of his missionary and tourist experiences in Europe:

"In our visit to the European countries, we saw the principle cities and places of interest in most of them, including Westminster Abbey, London Tower and Bridge, Oxford University, the home of William Shakespeare and his wife Ann Hathaway, Windsor and Edinburgh Castles, the great Roman cathedrals of St. Peter and St. Paul, and places where the ancient saints and apostles suffered persecution and martyrdom at the hands of the wicked. We viewed with interest, and we hope with profit, the many landmarks and scenes of note throughout Great Britain and on the continent. We appreciate them all.

"But above all, we appreciate most the preaching of the Gospel in thirteen of these countries and bearing witness to the Atonement of Christ and the Divine Mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

"All this was in fulfilment of a prophecy pronounced upon me by Patriarch James Berthelsen of the San Luis State in Southern Colorado. Before a public congregation many years ago, he said that the Lord commanded him to bless His servant Cowley. He did so and prophesied much of my future, and one prophecy was this, 'His voice shall be heard long, loud and strong in foreign lands at a good old age, in defence of Truth.' Later, I did not see how it could ever be fulfilled. But it has been fulfilled. The Lord be praised! The honour belongs to God. I take no credit or honour to myself. Well did the poet say, 'God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.'

"In all of our labours in Europe the Lord blessed us. And the Mission Presidents, one and all, with President Richard R. Lyman at the head, and all the Elders and Lady Missionaries and Saints, supported us in every possible act of kindness and by their faith and prayers. God bless them all!

"We sailed for the land of Zion from Southampton, August 26th, 1938, the day after I became eighty years of age. This was ten months to the day from the time we landed in Plymouth on the shores of England. We were gone from the United States ten and a half months."

MESSAGE FROM ELDER RICHARD R. LYMAN

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maturity. Twelve are university graduates and several have professional degrees as well.

Six sons and two grandsons have filled missions in foreign lands, including Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, Germany, Norway, and Canada. His son Matthew is now President of the New Zealand Mission. While on his first mission to this country, Matthew, with native Maori help, translated into the Maori language "The Doctrine and Covenants" and "The Pearl of Great Price."

Three sons have given service to their country. Dr. William Hyde Cowley served in the Medical Corps during the World War (1914-1918); Captain Moses F. Cowley served overseas and, prior to his death, was instructor in the Army; Inspector Samuel P. Cowley made the supreme sacrifice for his country while serving in one of the highest positions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Thus comes to a successful and glorious end the earthly labours of this greatly beloved character, Matthias F. Cowley, this mighty preacher of the Gospel—one of the most effective and valiant missionaries of the Church—this kind and gentle father, husband and brother, this devoted citizen of the United States, this man who gave unselfishly of himself all the days of his life for the good of others. His children and his children's children to the last generation can have no higher ideal than to follow the teachings and example of this good man. He was gentle, he was humble, he was affectionate, and with it all he was strong, powerful and truly great. May his descendants so live that in the great beyond they may be worthy of his association throughout all eternity.

I pray particularly now for comfort to come into the heart of his dear wife who remains. For more than fifty years she has had the companionship of this choice spirit and has devoted herself to him in a most unselfish way. She was my classmate in the Brigham Young College long years ago. I admired her in girlhood and I have admired her more and more as a wife and mother during her mature years and as a missionary and teacher of the Gospel beside her husband in those many lands which together they visited in the European Mission.

And since we love those most for whom we do the most, this lovely and devoted wife is going to miss his companionship and association more in the future, I am sure, than she is able at present to understand. And in this trying separation, may her wounded heart be healed and her grief-stricken soul be comforted, I humbly pray.

May the Lord bless all of his kindred and all of us, his friends, that out of his mild but effective, useful and powerful life, we may learn lessons that will help us to walk in that straight and narrow way to the end, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

REMARKS BY ELDER HUGH B. BROWN

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bring about peace. "Blessed are they that are persecuted for my name's sake." Throughout his long life of missionary activity he has known what persecution was. So, I repeat, he qualified for membership in all the eight groups which Jesus designated as worthy of His blessing. He was humble and had cause to mourn; he was meek and sought after righteousness; he was merciful and pure in heart; he was a peacemaker and was persecutd for the sake of his Master.

I think in spirit he has attended this service. How often we have heard him repeat the words of each of the hymns that have been and will be sung here today. I can hear his ringing voice declaring, "I know that my Redeemer lives." I can hear his humble, willing spirit responding, "I'll go where You want me to go." I hear him say in the twilight, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning," and I hear him pray, "When I leave this frail existence, when I lay this mortal by, Father, Mother, may I meet you in your royal courts on high." That prayer is now answered. I think I hear him say after the eighty odd years of life on earth, "Rest, Rest, on the Hillside Rest."

God bless the living, that the memory of the dead may be an inspiration to all of us and help us as we go forward, whether on the mountains or in the valleys, to keep "the light of our faith still shining" and to try to do what he succeeded in doing—do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with our God.

Sister Cowley, God bless you for your never swerving loyalty and constant faith.

Peace be with all of us. May God accompany us as we lay this body down, and may He guide us until we meet again with Matthias F. Cowley—I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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A FATHER'S TESTIMONY

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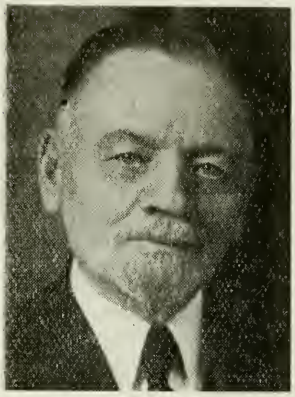
and not by blind obedience. In all things, honour God and keep His commandments, as the chief consideration which prompts you to action. Remember the commandments of the Saviour to "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind and strength, and thy neighbour as thyself."

"Let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God, and the doctrine of the Priesthood shall distill upon thy soul as the dews from heaven. The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion and thy sceptre and unchanging sceptre of righteousness and truth; and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and ever."

The foregoing quotation is the word of the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith. The blessings promised therein on the conditions named may be enjoyed by us all. With a prayer that it may be so, I leave you all my love and blessings on this my natal day, even so, Amen.

Testimony Of Matthias F. Cowley

(Last article written for the "Millennial Star" on the occasion of his eighty-first birthday)



Matthias F. Cowley

I AM eighty-one years old today, August 25th, 1939; was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, of goodly parents. They taught me the Gospel by example and precept from my childhood up. I have a living testimony to the truth of this Gospel, the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. I do not know when I received this testimony, for I believe I brought it with me from my ante-mortal state of existence, and it has never left me; for this I am ever grateful to the Lord.

I once sat in the presence of David Whitmer in company with President John Morgan. He bore to us a faithful testimony that he had seen Moroni, handled the Nephite plates and heard the voice of God from the heavens above, commanding him and his co-witnesses, Oliver Cowdery and Martin Harris, to bear witness of the truth and divinity of the Book of Mormon to all the world. He was true to his memory, his hearing and seeing and to the touch of his hands, but from other remarks he made we knew that he had lost the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

His condition was a living example that the best and surest of testimonies is the witness of the Holy Ghost, and that we should so live that the testimony of the Holy Spirit will never leave us, but abide with us forever. When we enjoy the companionship of that Spirit, it will be a pleasure to pay our tithing, observe the Word of Wisdom, and attend to every other duty that the Gospel enjoins upon us.

I now bear my testimony to all who may read it, that by living the Gospel I have had great pleasure in the performance of the duties enjoined upon us by the Gospel and in compliance with the calls of the local and general authorities to work in the ministry at home and abroad.

My hope and prayer is that I may be faithful to the end and that every one of our children will be true and faithful, one hundred per cent Latter-day Saints in all respects, and this prayer I offer, and testimony I bear in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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